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Applicant: Nortel Networks Limited

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Title: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR PROVIDING GRADES OF SERVICE

FOR UNPROTECTED TRAFFIC IN AN OPTICAL NETWORK

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RESPONSE

Sir:

This is further to the Office Action dated July 21, 2008. Applicant wishes to amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims: are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks: begin on page 7 of this paper.